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Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

D. Evaluation

2. In-depth evaluation of the development issues and policies programme: Economic Commission for Africa

At its 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th meetings on 14, 15, and 17 May 1991, the Committee considered the report of the Secretary-General on the in-depth evaluation of the development issues and policies programme: Economic Commission for Africa (E/AC.51/1991/3).

Conclusions and recommendations

1. The Committee took note of the final report of the Secretary-General on in-depth evaluation of the development issues and policies programme: Economic Commission for Africa.

2. The Committee reiterated the continued validity of the objectives and purposes of the Multinational Programming and Operational Centres (MULPOCs) as endorsed in Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/76 and General Assembly resolution 45/248 A.

3. The Committee welcomed the progress achieved in the preparation of the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community. In this context, it re-emphasized the role of the MULPOCs in providing the necessary technical support, including the preparation of studies, for their respective subregional economic groupings so as to facilitate their eventual integration into an African economic community.

4. The Committee noted, with concern, that persistent inadequacies of financial and human resources had continued to adversely affect the ability of the MULPOCs and the Pan-African Documentation and Information System (PADIS) to fulfil their respective mandates.

5. The Committee stressed that any modifications to the programme structure of the MULPOCs should not reduce the scope of their approved mandate.

6. The Committee stressed the need to strengthen activities relating to subregional and regional economic cooperation and integration in Africa.

7. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly, at its forty-sixth session, should endorse the recommendations contained in paragraphs 62 (a) and (c) as well as paragraphs 63 (b) and (c).

8. The Committee recommended that the Secretary General, in full consultations with the Economic Commission for Africa, should identify those activities relating to economic cooperation and integration that could be reoriented and focused wholly on subregional objectives and priorities and that he should submit appropriate recommendations to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

9. The Committee further recommended that the United Nations Development Programme should provide, during its fifth programming cycle, adequate resources to support the economic integration process and to allow PADIS to become fully operational.

10. The Committee requested the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session to review the financial requirements of the MULPOCs with a view to providing them with the requisite resources to enable them to fulfil their mandate.